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Why Is This Issue Late?

Because it's spring! Because it's raining outside. Because it's my spring recess. Because it's spring! Because Michael is away in North Carolina (Florida?). Because I have yet to do my income taxes. Because it's spring! Because I have been waiting for a fax of a convention naming contest from the bay area committee to have the 1996 IAGSDC Convention in the bay area. Because I want to do some gardening and sunning out by the pool, but I can't. Because it's raining and it's spring!

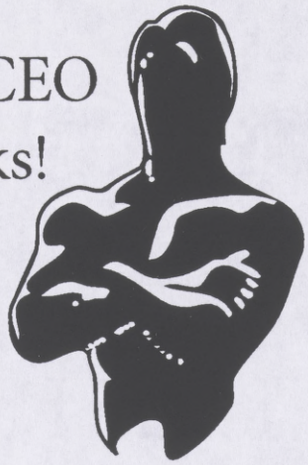
One of the delightful harbingers of spring was the 10th Anniversary Fly-In held by Western Star Dancers in early March. The calling by Mike DeSisto and Paul Marcum was high spirited (and dangerous—Mike DeSisto on top of a 25-foot ladder on stage), and the ambience provided by WSD was, as usual, friendly and comfortable. Thanks and congratulations to Western Star Dancers for a great weekend.

Another voice of spring is our own CCS Anniversary Retreat at Fife's in Guerneville April 24th to 26th. This year's retreat may not have as many participants as last year because of Bush and Congress, but it should be a great time to dance and relax in an area where spring really shows off. Here's hoping that those who can't attend the whole weekend will be able to attend one or more of the 5 workshop/dance sessions with caller Nate Bliss. See the flyer inside.

Spring is a prelude to summer, and this summer climaxes (!!) with "Diamonds in the Desert," the IAGSDC Convention in Albuquerque. Michael and I plan to ride WSD's train (in style of course) to the Convention. The Convention is the culminating activity of this year's series of classes, dances, fly-ins, and retreats. If you haven't signed up for the Convention yet, a registration form is included in this issue of the *Capers*.

Well, even though spring is here, I have finished the newsletter. Capital City Squares has been through a fall and winter of discontent, but spring is here with its promise of renewal and hope. And then the glorious summer . . . .

The CEO Speaks!



It's Spring, the sun is warm, the days are longer (and start an hour earlier as of April 5th), and Capital City Squares is a fun group! While all this may sound "trite" to some, it's a nice feeling to have all of it in my life. I do enjoy warm weather, time after work with the sun still above the horizon, and dancing with you folks!

However, there are some concerns right now (of course): it seems that attendance has dropped off considerably of late. While this is considered by some to be a perennial problem, it's never good to see. In particular it seems several people who were always here, always eager to learn and to dance, have "evaporated." Where'd they go? We are all, I think, aware that new members are the life's blood of any club—new ideas, new insights, etc. If anyone has any ideas on why a few people have stopped coming, let the Board know (have I completely failed in my efforts to be a friendly tyrant?). Seriously, I'm concerned; the Board is concerned. Insight, we need insight.

The foregoing leads to the following (geez, how was that for a bureaucratic non–statement?!): now is the time to begin to think about next year. We'd really like ideas, thoughts (yes, even gripes) about how and what should or should not be done to get new members and bring back old members next year. All options will be considered. At this point, because of scheduling it looks as though the New Member Hoedown will be the last Saturday of September, the 26th, at Coloma Center (same place as last year), with the classes starting October 5th. This is based on the Sacramento Unified School schedule. While we are not hard and fast with them, it is a basis to use, one we're (now) familiar with. So keep an ear out, an eye out, a whatever out (!!!) for potential members. As to "exposure" of the Club, the Board has decided to run a booth at the Lambda Freedom Fair in June and the Rainbow Festival in September. We'll even run an ad (budget willing) in the local papers. DO NOT FORGET THAT WORD OF MOUTH is still the best way to get people interested. Talk it up.

Thanks to Michael Foft for getting things started on fund raising through ballot collection after the June Primary! For those who did this after the last election, you'll remember how much more fun it was than we'd thought it would be! Unfortunately, a shift in Michael's work schedule has precluding his continuing this. But we appreciate the time and effort… Fear not, Rick Arts has volunteered to carry the ball on this (that Ricky does love carrying those balls!!). Thanks, Rick. We will need twenty or so from the Club to help with this, so check yer election night schedules (yes, it is a dance night, but the school will prob'ly be an election area, so we may not be dancing that night anyway.).

Greg Friel is pursuing a couple of alternate (and summer) dance spots. Right now, he's in discussion with MCC and has done a "prelim" at St. Francis (tho' other sources (Dan) indicate St. Francis may be far too expensive). Thanks, very much, Greg for your work on this. If anyone else has possibilities on dance spots, please let us know.

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April Board Minutes

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The meeting was held at Bill and Michael's. Present were Bill, Kris, Cindy, George, Rick C., Rick A., David, Anthony and Dan, and Mark.

The first topic of the night was the state election fund raiser. In the past, Michael has organized this event for the Club, but he will be unable to do so this time. Rick A. volunteered to take on the job. What happens is this: Club members agree to work on election night (June 7th) receiving incoming ballots and unloading polling place equipment. During the last election, 25 members earned $26.00 each for 4 hours of work totaling $650.00 that was given to the Club. The evening was loads of fun , and I highly recommend joining in.

The next topic covered was Del's request for the Club to cover the cost for him to attend the Albuquerque Convention Callers' School. The cost is $100.00 due by May 1st. For a long time Del has been an active member and supporter of the area square dance clubs. When Kris or Robin are unable to call on Class Night, Del eagerly steps in. Everyone agreed that covering for Del would be worthwhile. Del is very active in Prime 8's, so there was mention of asking them to chip in.

3rd topic—Registration forms for Convention and Hotel accommodations will go into the next (this) newsletter.

4th topic—Fife's. George reports that there are 55–57 people going. Currently we are holding 28 rooms. With 57 people attending, we will just fall short of breaking even cost–wise. With drop ins and folks staying elsewhere but dancing at Fife's, we should make out all right. No firm decision has been made about dinner yet, but George will ask Fife's to repeat last year's menu, which was spaghetti with 2 sauces, 3–bean salad, garlic bread, vegetable, and ice cream, and Art and Jeff will bake a cake. A Fife's follow up flyer will be included in the newsletter.

5th topic—CONVENTION! Diamonds in the Desert has offered to do a humorous bio on each of the clubs. They sent us a questionnaire to fill out and return.

6th topic—Alternative dance spots. Greg Friel says that MCC still doesn't seem very eager to contract with us and wants us to change our dance night. Greg just started checking into St. Francis, and they seem more eager to contract with us. Dan reported that St. Francis is asking for $250.00 for 4 hours. George says the schools will not be available for dancing through July, August, and September.

7th topic—Robin found out about a store that will be having a sale on square dance music. The Board agrees that the teaching materials are wearing out and should be replaced. Kris brought up the idea of mail order materials.

8th—The garage sale is set for Saturday, May 2nd, at 3553 McKinley Blvd. Bring your sale items the night before. Contact John Feliz.

9th—The New Members Hoedown is tentatively scheduled for September 26th at Coloma Center. New classes will start October 6th.

10th—We will once again set up a booth at the Freedom Fair in June. The Rainbow Festival in September is a possibility, but we will wait awhile before deciding.

11th—The Gay Pride Parade in S.F. (June 28th). CCS members who are interested are welcome to march with the S.F. clubs. George says they will have the IAGSDC banner.

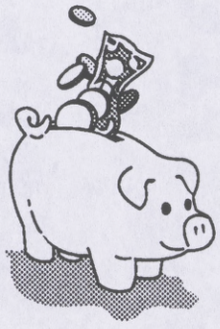
12th—George will try to set things up so that we can once again dance at William Land School next year.

Rick A. reports $3497.00 in the treasury, much of which will go for Fife's.

The next Board meeting will be April 29th at Bill and Michael's at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Mark



Coming Events

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April

2	Special Club Night (Anne Uebelacker), FCD, Live Oak School, San Francisco, CA.
3-5	🐟 PACE Spectacular (Anne Uebelacker, Ben Rubright, Dave Hodson, Lee Kopman), Napa Fairgrounds, Napa, CA.
3-5	🐟 California State Square Dance Convention (multiple callers and levels) San Diego, CA.
10-11	🐟 "Spring Jamboree" (Jerry Story & Terry Mosier), San Joaquin Valley Square Dancing Association, Lodi, CA.
11	FCD Dance (Gary Kendall), San Francisco, CA..
24-26	CCS Retreat at Fife's (Nate Bliss), Guerneville, CA..
24-26	IGRA Pikes Peak Rodeo, Colorado Springs, CO
24-26	"Spring Round Up"(Mike DeSisto), Squares Across the Border, Vancouver, BC..

May

1-3	FCD Retreat, Wildwood Ranch (way up the hill from Guerneville, CA).
1-3	"Ropin' the River" (Howard Richman), Grand River Squares, Grand Rapids, MI.
1-3	🐟 Silver State Convention, (multiple callers & levels), Reno, NV
2	CCS Von Trash Family Garage Sale.
8-10	"Pass the Ocean Hon" Chesapeake Squares Fly-In (Anne Uebelacker, Glenn Matthew, & Dale Hodge) Rehoboth Beach, DE (if it's still there!).
8-10	1st Fly-In (Shelby Dawson), T-Squares, Tucson, AZ.
8-10	🐟 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (George Monaghan), Hayward, CA..
8-10	IGRA Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson, AZ.
9	WSD Dance (Eric Henerlau),San Francisco, CA.
15-17	🐟 California Singles 25th Anniversary Square Dance Weekend, San Jose, CA.
22-24	IGRA Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Oklahoma City, OK.
29-31	"Triple Scoot to Toronto" (Anne Uebelacker, Joe Uebelacker!), Triangle Squares, Toronto, Ontario.
29-31	🐟 "Dynamite Weekend" (Dave Stevens), A2-C2, Royer Park, Roseville, CA.
30	CCS Graduation Hoedown (Jet Roberts), Sacramento, CA.

June

12-14	🐟 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Vic Ceder), Hayward, CA.
13	FCD Dance, San Francisco, CA.
18-20	🐟 26th National Advanced & Challenge Convention, Virginia Beach, VA.
25-27	🐟 41st National Square Dance Convention, Cincinnati, OH. The IAGSDC will be represented!
27	WSD Pre-Parade Dance, San Francisco, CA.
28	Gay Pride Day, San Francisco, CA.

April Birthdays

9 **Tim Martin**

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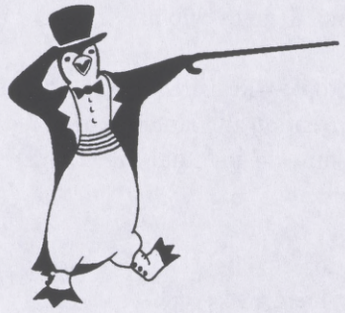

Coming Events

July

3-5	"Diamonds in the Desert," 9th IAGSDC Convention, Albuquerque, NM.
3-5	IGRA Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, Denver, CO.
10-12	PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Dave Wilson), Hayward, CA.
17-18	"Dynamite Weekend"(Dave Stevens) TNT's, Friday Night—Ridgepoint School, Sacramento; Saturday Day & Night—Royer Park, Roseville, CA.
24-26	San Francisco Gay Rodeo, San Francisco, CA.
31-A2	IGRA Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Witchita, KS.

August

6-9	8th Annual IGRA Convention (Business Meeting only), Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.
7-9	PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Ross Howell), Hayward, CA.
13-15	11th American Advanced & Challenge Convention, Dayton, OH
15	k A1 through C-3 all day dances (Vic Cedar), TNT's, Royer Park, Roseville, CA.
29	FCD Dance, San Francisco, CA.

September

4-6	"Great Chicago Crossfire IV," Chi-Town Squares, Chicago, IL.
4-6	IGRA Zia Regional Rodeo, Albuquerque, NM.
11-13	PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Anne Uebelacker), Hayward, CA.
18-21	Leather Weekend, San Francisco, CA.
24	Bradley Family National Holiday (A day which will live in infamy!).
25	Advanced Dance (Tom Manning), Prime 8's, Sacramento, CA.
25-27	San Diego Gay Rodeo, San Diego, CA.

October

2-4	IGRA Atlantic States Gay Rodeo, Washington, DC.
2-4	"Perk Up in Vancouver"(Anne Uebelacker, Saundra Bryant), 3rd Gay Advanced & Challenge Fly-in, Vancouver, BC.
9-11	"U-Turn Back to Huajatolla" (Jim Palmer), Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, Cuchara, CO.
23-25	WSD Camp Caz Retreat (Paul Waters), Way up above the Russian River, CA.
24-26	IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix, AZ.
30-N 1	New York Fly-In (Saundra Bryant & Todd Fellegy), Times Squares, New York City, NY

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November

7	FCD Anniversary Dance, San Francisco, CA.
13-15	IGRA Dallas Gay Rodeo, Dallas, TX.
14-15	PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Bronc Wise), Hayward, CA.
27-29	SATB Fly-In (Paul Waters, Ray Brendzy), Stars Across the Border, Vancouver, BC.

Local Contacts:

CCS Capital City Squares
George (916) 447-2271 Bill (916) 969-5153

Prime 8's
Art (916) 966-1734 Del (916) 446-4396

WSD Western Star Dancers
Max (415) 431-6238 Anna (415) 621-0862

FCD Foggy City Dancers
Ken (415) 821-0417 Mike (415) 695-1376

MS Midnight Squares
Roger (415) 664-0513 Claire (415) 861-1979

ECR El Camino Reelers
Randy (415) 961-7504

PACE
James (916) 925-4242 Nancy (415) 479-7076

The CEO Speaks!
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BOARD ELECTIONS: Now is the time to nominate someone to the Board of Directors. It's a two year position—and an opportunity to really put into motion those ideas you've had! The elections are set for the 22nd of April, along with a FAST General Meeting (we do need to discuss a couple of small items—like the "health" of the Club). So keep in mind whom you'd like to see on the Board (yourself? then nominate yourself). Please notify the Board (any member) of items you'd like presented at the Gen'l Meeting.

GUERNEVILLE: 'Tis upon us!! As of right now, we have 57 attendees for the duration. This does not include those planning to dance but not stay at Fife's. Everything seems to be coming together on this year's retreat very nicely. Thanks, Tom, for the work you've put into this! We are going to have a wonderful time. Participants are coming from all the SF Bay area clubs and Palo Alto (well OK, Mountain View) as well as Sacramento. It's gonna be fun.

OTHER NEWS: Don't forget those items for the 1st ever (that I'm aware of) Capital City Squares Garage Sale, now slated for May 22nd at John Feliz' (and Dan's). "Hosted" by the Von Trash Family, it's a great opportunity to a) support the Club and b) get rid of all that tacky stuff you didn't want anyone to know you had (we won't say a WORD to anyone...).

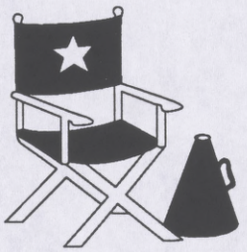
GRADUATION HOEDOWN: May 30th, 1992. While in fact the Plus Class has already finished (congratulations) and the Mainstream Class may very well be finished before the Guerneville weekend (fantastic!!), we've set the "commemorative" hoedown for the Saturday after Memorial Day Weekend. Come 'n' dance your butts (uh, BOOTS) off to Jet Roberts! Fun, fun, fun.

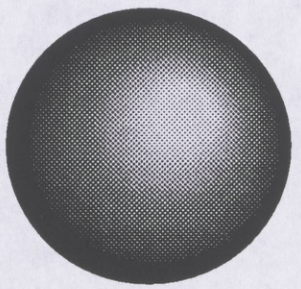
CONVENTION CONVENTION CONVENTION

Thanks for bein' here. I enjoy your company.

See ya dancin'

George





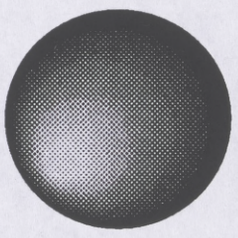
Trash! Trash! Trash!

Very appropriately, but still very welcome, the Von Trash family will host a garage sale at John Feliz' house at 3553 McKinley Blvd. (north-east corner of Santa Inez and McKinley) in east Sacramento (not far from the Theodore Judah School where we dance) on Saturday, May 2nd. Proceeds from the sale will go to Capital City Squares. Please drop off and help price your treasured trash items the night before at John's house.

John will need help all day long, from set up at 7:00 a.m. to the actual sale between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. John reports that those who work all day will get a free lunch. John also requests workers to bring some breakfast goodies in the morning. He will supply coffee. The more people there are helping, the more the sale will attract customers. An event such as this can be a lot of fun and do a lot of good for the Club.

Any items not sold will be donated to Francis House, Loaves and Fishes, or some other charitable institution.

The phone number for information and to volunteer your help is (916) 456-0298.

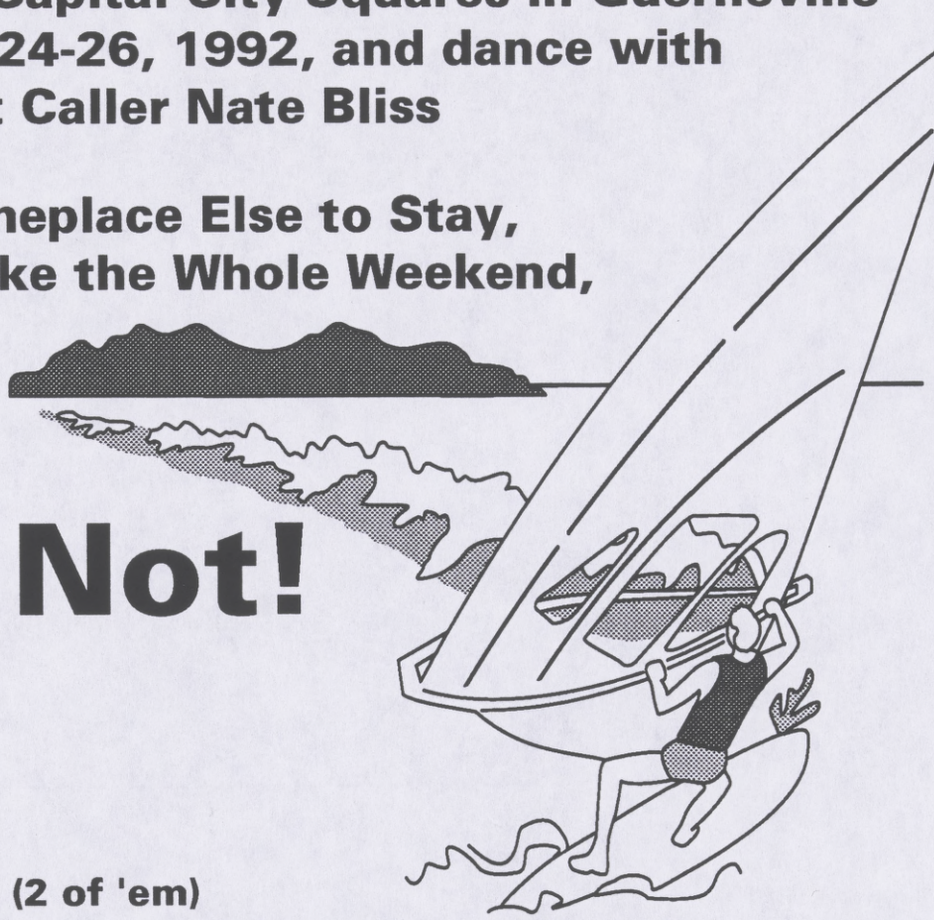


Ya Say Ya Wanna Go

"Cruising Down the River"

With Capital City Squares in Guerneville
April 24-26, 1992, and dance with
Guest Caller Nate Bliss

But Ya Got Someplace Else to Stay,
Or Ya Can't Make the Whole Weekend,
Or ...



It's a Problem, Not!

$7.00 a workshop (2 of 'em)
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 and 1:30 to 3:30

$10.00 a dance (3 of 'em)
Friday Night: 7:00 to 10:00
Saturday Night: 7:00 to 10:00
Sunday Morning: 10:00 to 1:00

$40.00 for the whole kit (Ya save $4.00)

These Are Floor Level—Alternating MS and Plus (and if we twist Nate's arm, maybe a tip or two of Advanced)

For more information call George: (916) 447-2271
or just show up to dance!

Friday and Saturday dancing at the Veteran's Memorial (next to Safeway)
Sunday dancing at Fife's Bandshell

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip: _____ - _____ *9 digits if you have them*

Telephone: (_____) _____

Sex: M_____/ F _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Dance level you expect to complete by convention time:

_____ Basic _____ A1 _____ C1

_____ Mainstream _____ A2 _____ C2

_____ Plus _____ Beyond C2

Meal preference for banquet: _____ Chicken

_____ Fish

_____ Vegetarian

Registration fee (until June 1, 1992) $95.00

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Mail to:

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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Please reserve _____ room(s) for _____ people

Name(s) of person(s) sharing accomodations _____

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Signature _____ *Gold Passport # _____

I authorize the HYATT REGENCY ALBUQUERQUE to charge my account for one night's deposit and all applicable taxes. Check-out time is 12 noon. Rooms may not be available for check-in until after 3:00 pm.

Reservations requested beyond the cut off date are subject to availability. Rooms may still be available after the cut off date but not necessarily at the above rate. All reservations are subject to local room tax.

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The 1992 I.A.G.S.D.C. Convention

Your reservations must be received prior to **June 3, 1992** and before the group reservations block is filled to assure your room accomodations.

Please Check Rate requested	
☐ Single Occupancy - 1 Person	79.00
☐ Double Occupancy - 2 Persons	79.00
☐ Triple Occupancy - 3 Persons	79.00
☐ Regency Club Level	Rate Upon Request
☐ Non-Smoking Request	

Inquire about our special hospitality and private suite rates.

April 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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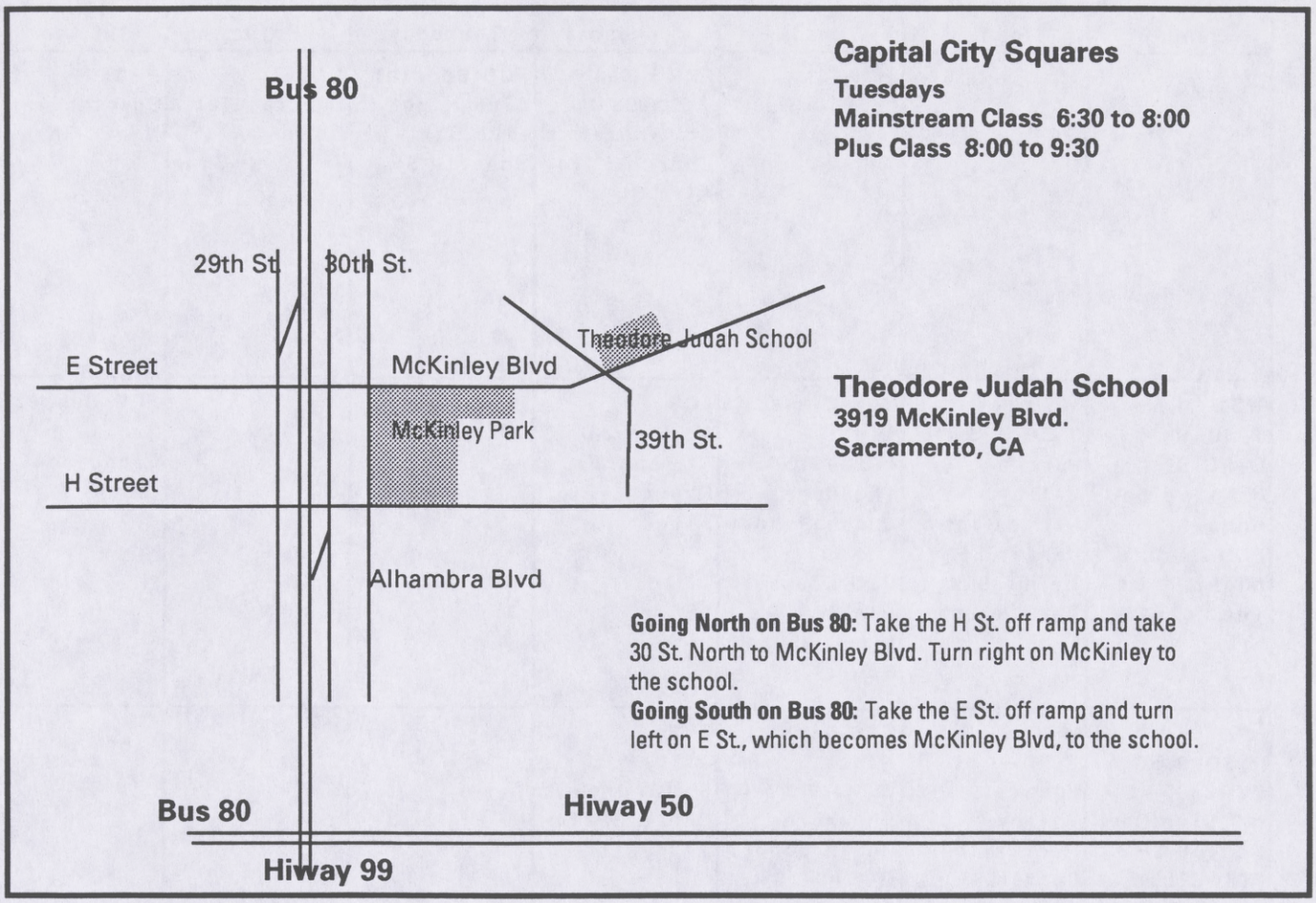

Capital City Squares
Tuesdays
Mainstream Class 6:30 to 8:00
Plus Class 8:00 to 9:30

Theodore Judah School
3919 McKinley Blvd.
Sacramento, CA

Going North on Bus 80: Take the H St. off ramp and take 30 St. North to McKinley Blvd. Turn right on McKinley to the school.
Going South on Bus 80: Take the E St. off ramp and turn left on E St., which becomes McKinley Blvd, to the school.

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